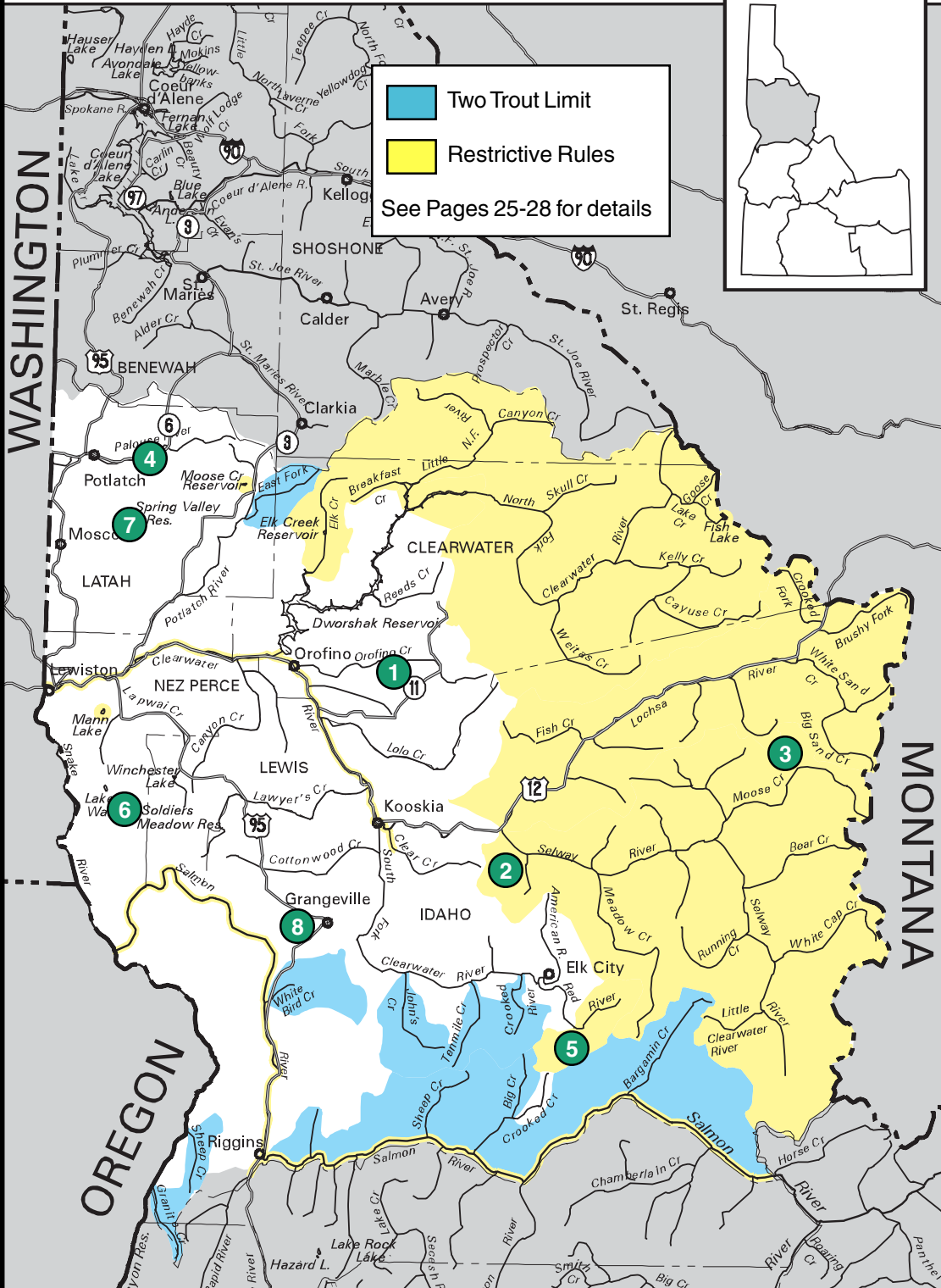


FAMILY FISHING WATERS IN GREEN!

- Year-round season • General six fish limit for trout, bass, walleye and pike • No limit on other species
- No length limits • Standard fishing gear

Clearwater Region

MAPS FOR GENERAL REFERENCE ONLY



FAMILY FISHING WATERS

- 1 Campbell's Pond
- 2 Fenn Pond
- 3 Hoodoo Lake
- 4 Palouse River
- 5 Red River Pond
- 6 Soldiers Meadow Reservoir
- 7 Spring Valley Reservoir
- 8 Tolo Lake

CLEARWATER Region EXCEPTIONS

FAMILY FISHING WATERS:

Soldiers Meadow Reservoir, Campbell's Pond, Tolo Lake*, Palouse River, Red River Pond, Fenn Pond, Hoodoo Lake, Spring Valley Reservoir*.


* Electric Motors Only — Gas motor may be attached to boat, but may not be used while fishing.

GENERAL FISHING SEASONS, DATES, POSSESSION LIMITS AND RULES APPLY TO ALL WATERS WITHIN THE CLEARWATER REGION EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW. (See pages 6-8 for general fishing seasons and limits):

- **WINTER STREAM SEASON** applies to all rivers and streams unless otherwise excepted below.
- **SPECIAL BASS RULE:** Any size bass may be kept (limit, 6) except as noted in waters listed below.

If it's not listed in this section, see the general rules on pages 6-8.

CLEARWATER
EXCEPTIONS

		SPECIES	DAILY BAG LIMIT EXCEPTIONS	EXCEPTIONS TO GENERAL SEASONS	SPECIAL RULES
BREAKFAST CREEK , and its tributaries.		Trout	2		
CLEAR CREEK , from its mouth to 100 yards upstream from the weir at the fish hatchery.				Closed to fishing.	
CLEARWATER RIVER		Trout			Rainbow trout longer than 20" are considered steelhead and may be kept only during open steelhead harvest season. See steelhead rules, page 61-63.
From its mouth upstream to the Clearwater River Bridge at Orofino.				Open all year.	Only barbless hooks may be used from Sept 1 — Apr 30.
Shoreline along the perimeter of Dworshak Fish Hatchery.				Closed to fishing.	
From the Clearwater River Bridge at Orofino upstream to the mouth of Clear Creek.				Open all year.	No motors Sept 15 — Apr 30. Only barbless hooks may be used from Sept 1 — Apr 30.
CLEARWATER RIVER, LITTLE NORTH FORK , and its tributaries.		Trout	2		
CLEARWATER RIVER, NORTH FORK					See steelhead rules, page 61-63.
Mouth to Dworshak Dam.				Open all year.	Only barbless hooks may be used. Fishing from the shoreline or wading along the perimeter of Dworshak National Fish hatchery is PROHIBITED. Fishing from any watercraft or wading is PROHIBITED between the posted line approximately 150 yards upstream from the mouth of the North Fork Clearwater River and the Ahsahka Highway 7 Bridge. When fishing from the Ahsahka Highway 7 Bridge, it is unlawful to take or attempt to take any fish

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WATER	SPECIES	DAILY BAG LIMIT EXCEPTIONS	EXCEPTIONS TO GENERAL SEASONS	SPECIAL RULES
Mainstem from the upper end of flat water in Dworshak Reservoir upstream.	Trout	2		downstream of the railroad bridge. Fishing from the railroad bridge is PROHIBITED. No bait, barbless hooks, see pg. 9. No cutthroat under 14".
All tributaries except Kelly, Lake and Steep creeks (<i>see listings</i>).	Trout	2		
CLEARWATER RIVER, SOUTH FORK	Cutthroat	2		None under 14".
CROOKED CREEK (Salmon River) from the mouth upstream to and including Big Creek.	Trout	2		
From Big Creek upstream.	Trout	6		
CROOKED FORK CREEK (Lochsa River), mainstem from its mouth to Brushy Fork Creek.	Trout	0	No winter stream season.	No bait, barbless hooks, see pg. 9. Catch-and-release.
Mainstem from Brushy Fork Creek upstream and all tributaries including Brushy Fork Creek.	Trout	2	Open July 1 — Nov 30	
CROOKED RIVER South Fork Clearwater River, from mouth to fish weir (approx. 400 yards) (<i>also see Five Mile Pond listing</i>).			Closed to fishing	
Mainstem and tributaries upstream from fish weir.	Trout	2		
DWORSHAK RESERVOIR , from Dworshak Dam to Grandad Bridge.	Kokanee	25	Open all year	Per day, 50 in possession.
	Trout	6		
From Grandad Bridge upstream to end of flat water.	Kokanee	25	Open Saturday of Memorial Day weekend — Nov 30	Per day, 50 in possession.
	Trout	6		Only 2 may be cutthroat.
ELK CREEK (tributary to Dworshak reservoir) and its tributaries (above and below Elk Creek Reservoir).	Trout and Brook	6		Brook trout must be counted in trout limit.
ELK CREEK RESERVOIR	Trout and Brook	6		Electric motors only. Brook trout must be counted in trout limit.
	Bass	0	Jan 1 — June 30	Catch-and-release, see page 9.
	Bass	2	July 1 — Dec 31	None between 12" - 16".
FISH LAKE (Cedars area).			Open Aug 1 — Nov 30	No motors.
FIVE MILE POND (Crooked River drainage).	Trout	6	Open Saturday of Memorial Day weekend — Nov 30	
GRANITE CREEK , and its tributaries (Snake River).	Trout	2		
JOHNS CREEK , and its tributaries (S.F. Clearwater River).	Trout	2		
KELLY CREEK , and its tributaries.	Trout	0	No winter stream season.	No bait, barbless hooks, see pg. 9. Catch-and-release.
LAKE CREEK , from Goose Creek to Fish Lake including all tributaries (Cedars area).	Trout	2	Open Aug 1 — Nov 30	

WATER	SPECIES	DAILY BAG LIMIT EXCEPTIONS	EXCEPTIONS TO GENERAL SEASONS	SPECIAL RULES
LITTLE SALMON RIVER (See <i>Southwest Region</i>).				
LOCHSA RIVER , mainstem from mouth upstream to Wilderness Gateway Campground Motor Bridge (near Highway 12 milepost 122).	Trout	2		No bait, barbless hooks, see pg. 9. None under 14".
Mainstem upstream from Wilderness Gateway Campground Motor Bridge (including Crooked Fork Creek from mouth to Brushy Fork Creek.)	Trout	0	No winter stream season.	No bait, barbless hooks, see pg. 9. Catch-and-release.
All tributaries including Colt Killed (White Sand) Creek except Crooked Fork Creek. (See <i>Crooked Fork Creek</i> .)	Trout	2	Open July 1 — Nov 30	
MANN LAKE				Electric motors only. No boats from Oct 1 — Dec 31
	Bass	6		None under 12".
MOOSE CREEK RESERVOIR				Electric motors only.
	Bass	2		None under 20"
PALOUSE RIVER , and its tributaries.			Open all year.	Family Fishing Water
POTLATCH RIVER , mainstem from the mouth upstream to and including Moose Creek.			Open all year.	
POTLATCH RIVER, EAST FORK , and its tributaries.	Trout	2		
RED RIVER , from fish weir downstream for a distance of 100 yards.			Closed to fishing.	
SALMON RIVER , Mouth to headwaters, except Riggins City Park boat ramp upstream to posted boundary at Shorts Bar, and except for 100 yards upstream and downstream of Sawtooth Fish Hatchery salmon weir and trap.	Bass Trout	6 6	Open all year.	Any size bass may be harvested. Only trout with a clipped adipose fin, as evidenced by a healed scar, may be kept. Rainbow trout over 20 inches in length are considered steelhead and may be kept only during open steelhead harvest season. See pages 61-63.
From Riggins City Park boat ramp upstream to a posted boundary at Shorts Bar.	Bass Trout	6 6	Open all year. Jan 1 — Apr 30 and July 16 — Dec 31	Barbless hooks only. Any size bass may be harvested. Only trout with a clipped adipose fin, as evidenced by a healed scar, may be kept. Rainbow trout over 20 inches in length are considered steelhead and may be kept only during open steelhead harvest season. See pages 61-63.
100 yards upstream and downstream of Sawtooth Fish Hatchery salmon weir and trap.			Closed to fishing.	

WATER	SPECIES	DAILY BAG LIMIT EXCEPTIONS	EXCEPTIONS TO GENERAL SEASONS	SPECIAL RULES
SALMON RIVER TRIBUTARIES upstream from the mouth of the Little Salmon River to and including Horse Creek drainage, except Crooked Creek, Little Salmon River, and South Fork Salmon River.	Trout	2		
SELWAY RIVER , mainstem from mouth upstream to Selway Falls cable car.	Trout	2		No bait, barbless hooks, see pg. 9. None under 14".
Mainstem from Selway Falls cable car upstream to Selway Falls Bridge at Meadow Creek.			Closed to fishing.	
Mainstem from Selway Falls Bridge upstream.	Trout	0	No winter stream season.	No bait, barbless hooks, see pg. 9. Catch-and-release.
All tributaries	Trout	2	Open July 1 — Nov 30	
SHEEP CREEK , and its tributaries (Snake River).	Trout	2		
SNAKE RIVER (Hells Canyon Dam to Lewiston).	Bass	6	Open all year.	Rainbow trout over 20" are considered steelhead and may be kept only during open steelhead season. See steelhead rules, pages 61-63. Any size may be kept.
SPRING VALLEY RESERVOIR				Electric motors only. Family Fishing Water
STEEP CREEK (Goose Creek drainage).	Trout	2	Open Aug 1 — Nov 30	
STEEP LAKE , Upper and Lower (Goose Creek drainage.)	Trout	2	Open Aug 1 — Nov 30	
TENMILE CREEK , and its tributaries (South Fork Clearwater River).	Trout	2		
WAHA LAKE	Bass	6		None under 12".
WHITE BIRD CREEK , and its tributaries (Salmon River).	Trout	2		
WINCHESTER LAKE	Bass	6		Electric motors only. None under 12".

STURGEON FISHING TIPS

Small sturgeon have been found tied to the bottom on lost gear which was snagged on rocks or logs. Dead sturgeon have been found with large balls of discarded or lost line and hooks tangled in their gills.

large sizes. Biologists suspect a significant number of sturgeon deaths are caused by “ghost gear”- hooks and line broken off or discarded by anglers. The following are some rules and tips for sturgeon anglers aimed at helping sturgeon anglers catch fish and reduce sturgeon injuries and deaths:

RIGGING UP (see diagram)

- **Use 40 pound to 60 pound test line.** This reduces chances of breaking off your line, either with a fish on or when snagged. Use a ten pound lighter test line to secure your weight. This will increase your chances of retrieving your hook if your weight snags. Also use a sliding swivel for your dropper weight, so if you do break your line, a sturgeon will not be tied to the weight snagged in the rocks. This will also give you a more sensitive feel for a sturgeon bite.
- **Use a hook sized for sturgeon – typically 3/0 to 6/0.** Many sturgeon anglers prefer to use circle hooks.
- **Barbless hooks are required when fishing for sturgeon.** Barbless hooks increase the chances of a small sturgeon being able to escape from gear snagged and lost on the bottom of the river.

The white sturgeon is the largest freshwater fish in North America. To reach their maximum length of 8 to 10 feet or more, sturgeon have to live for a very long period of time. Any accidental deaths result in fewer of the fish living the 25-50 years needed to reach

- **Avoid using stainless steel hooks.** Standard hooks will dissolve in stomach acids fairly quickly, however stainless hooks will not dissolve and will likely penetrate stomach or intestine lining if swallowed.

IF YOU LAND A FISH

- **It is illegal to remove a sturgeon from the water.** Since sturgeon do not have a bony skeleton to protect internal organs, they rely on water for additional support.
- **Do not drag the fish’s head up onto the shore for picture taking.** Fish need to keep their gills in the water for breathing, especially after the exertion of being caught. Most people can’t hold their breath after running a lap or two, it’s hard on fish, too.
- **Do not grasp sturgeon by the gills.** Gills are fragile organs needed to absorb oxygen from the water and can be easily damaged
- **Release the fish as soon as possible.** Avoid playing the sturgeon to the point of extreme exhaustion.
- **Do not mark or scar a sturgeon.** Do not put a tail rope on a landed sturgeon. Do not clip or cut fins. These actions can result in infections for the fish and also impairs the appearance and enjoyment of the fish for future anglers.

IF YOU BREAK OFF

- Try to retrieve as much snagged line as possible, use a boat if available. Do not leave discarded or tangled line in the water or on shore. It is a hazard to both fish and wildlife.

